

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in this application.

1-15. (Canceled)

16. (New) An agent used for treatment of allergy comprising (1) a mixture of a lotus extract powder prepared by adding water to slices of lotus root, boiling the slices of lotus root and water to produce a boiled product of the slices of lotus root and water, filtrating the boiled product to produce a filtrate, and freeze-dried the filtrate; sporing lactic acid bacteria powder for food; and maltose starch syrup; or (2) a mixture of ground lotus; sporing lactic acid bacteria powder for food; and maltose starch syrup.

17. (New) A food used for treatment of allergy comprising (1) a mixture of a lotus extract powder prepared by adding water to slices of lotus root, boiling the slices of lotus root and water to produce a boiled product of the slices of lotus root and water, filtrating the boiled product to produce a filtrate, and freeze-dried the filtrate; sporing lactic acid bacteria powder for food; and maltose starch syrup; or (2) a mixture of ground lotus; sporing lactic acid bacteria powder for food; and maltose starch syrup.

18. (New) A food additive used for treatment of allergy comprising (1) a mixture of a lotus extract powder prepared by adding water to slices of lotus root, boiling the slices of lotus root and water to produce a boiled product of the slices of lotus root and water, filtrating the boiled product to produce a filtrate, and freeze-dried the filtrate; sporing lactic acid bacteria powder for food; and maltose starch syrup; or (2) a mixture of ground lotus; sporing lactic acid bacteria powder for food; and maltose starch syrup.

19. (New) The agent according to Claim 16 which is used as a pollinosis-relieving agent, an agent for lowering IgE levels in serum, an agent for inhibiting the production of IL-4 or an agent for inhibiting the production of TNF.

20. (New) The food according to Claim 17 which is used as a pollinosis-relieving agent, an agent for lowering IgE levels in serum, an agent for inhibiting the production of IL-4 or an agent for inhibiting the production of TNF.

21. (New) The food additive according to Claim 18 which is used as a pollinosis-relieving agent, an agent for lowering IgE levels in serum, an agent for inhibiting the production of IL-4 or an agent for inhibiting the production of TNF.